

NPIC ROUTING SLIP

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DATE: **21 MAR 1963**

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**CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY  
Office of Current Intelligence  
21 March 1963**

**DAILY REPORT**

**SUBJECT: US Reconnaissance Activity over Cuba**

**1. Today's Schedule (21 March 1963)**

- a. Missions: BRASS KNOB 3504 scheduled off at 0420 EST. Estimated time of return 1229 EST.  
BRASS KNOB 3505 scheduled off at 0500 EST. Estimated time of return 1331 EST.
- b. Purpose : Both missions will cover the entire island except the extreme tips.
- c. Weather : Fair over the western end. Remainder of the island will be good. Little change forecast for tomorrow.
- d. IPIR due: 23 March 1963.

**2. Yesterday's Activity (20 March 1963)**

- a. Missions: BRASS KNOB mission 3502 covered  
flown : the entire island except for the western end. BRASS KNOB mission 3503 covered the northern edge of the island, except for the extreme western and eastern ends. Pilots estimate coverage of scheduled targets to be 95% and 40%, respectively.
- b. Weather : Good over the entire island.
- c. IPIR due: 22 March 1963.
- d. Reaction: No significant air defense reaction to these BRASS KNOB missions was noted.

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**3. Shipping Summary**

**a. Soviet Bloc ships confirmed en route to Cuba  
1600 EST 20 March:**

Tankers	6
Passenger	2
Dry Cargo	<u>11</u>
Total	19

**b. Soviet Bloc ships in Cuban ports 1600 EST  
20 March:**

Tankers	4
Passenger	0
Dry Cargo	<u>19</u>
Total	23

**c. Dry cargo ships now in Cuban ports which were  
photographed while inbound to Cuba by low-altitude or  
surface cameras: 18**

**d. CIA has received photos of 18 of these ships.**

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**TOP SECRET DINAR****ANNEX TO DAILY REPORT****21 March 1963**

The following is the status of "Special Interest" ships in the Cuban trade:

<u>Ship</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
<u>En route to Cuba:</u>		
Bajkal	Passenger	ETA Havana 27-29 March. (Estimate)
<u>In Cuban Ports:</u>		
Krasnograd	Cargo	19 March in Matanzas.
Karachaevo-Cherkassiya	Cargo (Krasnograd class)	19 March in Nuevitas
Tsimlyanskges	Cargo	Should have arrived Havana yesterday evening. 50-70 men seen on deck prior to arrival.
Baltika	Passenger	Arrived Havana 20 March.

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**TOP SECRET DINAR****BRASS KNOB COVERAGE OF COMOR HIGHEST PRIORITY TARGETS IN CUBA**

During 13-19 March 1963

Targets	Dates							Totals	
	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	Sorties	Days Covered
1. Siguanea Cruise Missile Site						1	1	2	2
2. Banes Cruise Missile Site		1						1	1
3. Santa Cruz del Norte Cruise Site	1	1	1	1			1	5	5
4. Camilo Cienfuegos Airfield		1	1					2	2
5. Camaguey Airfield				1				1	1
6. Holguin Airfield	1	1				1		3	3
7. San Antonio de los Banos Airfield	1		2	1	2	2	1	9	6
8. Mariel Naval Base			2	2	1	1	1	7	5
9. Banes Naval Base		1	1		1	1	1	5	5
10. Cienfuegos Naval Base	1		1				1	3	3
11. Santiago de Cuba Port		1				1	1	3	3
12. La Isabella Port	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	7	7
13. Caibarien Port	1	2	2	1	1	2	2	11	7
14. Cardenas Port			1	1		1	1	4	4
15. Casilda Port	1		1	1			1	4	4
16. Matanzas Port	1	1	1	1		1	1	6	6
17. Havana Port	1	1	2	1		2	1	8	6
18. Guantanamo Area		1		1			1	3	3
19. Pinar del Rio Military Camp					1		1	2	2
20. Artemisa Military Camp	1		2		2		1	6	4
21. Holguin Military Camp								0	0
22. Remedios Military Camp	1	2			1	2	1	7	5
23. Santiago de los Vegas Military Camp			2					2	1
24. Lourdes (Torrens) Army Camp			2		1		1	4	3
25. Limonar Military Camp		1	1			1		3	3
26. Camaguey Military Camp	1			1		1		3	3
28. Managua Staging Area		1	2	2	2	2		9	5
29. Bejucal Staging Area		1	2	1	1	2	1	8	6
30. Manicaragua Staging Area								0	0

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During 13-19 March 1963, 91 percent of the total land area of Cuba was covered by photography with 25 percent or less cloud cover. This included oblique photography up to 70 miles on either side of the flight line.

During 13-19 March 1963, 14 BRASS KNOB missions were flown.

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grading and declassification

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